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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to firm. No sales reported on light to moderate inquiry. Demand continues to find tight offerings of whole body hens and toms. Parts and meats trading was generally slow. The market tone on thigh meat was fully steady and breast meat items steady to barely steady. Parts demand was light to moderate for the adequate supplies. Offerings were light to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance was slow. Demand was moderate for the short to adequate offers.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	86-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

Week Ending September 29, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	Month of September 8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	86.50**	85.70**	78.00	EASTERN REGION	84.40	78.70	80.90
CENTRAL REGION	86.50**	85.83	81.00	CENTRAL REGION	84.43	78.43	79.35
WESTERN REGION	86.50**	85.70**	86.00	WESTERN REGION	84.43	78.57	80.43
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	86.50**	84.90**	79.50**	EASTERN REGION	84.23	79.13	78.43
CENTRAL REGION	86.00**	84.70**	79.73	CENTRAL REGION	83.93	77.96	78.45
WESTERN REGION	86.00**	84.70**	78.00	WESTERN REGION	83.98	78.83	78.07

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	85-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	87-92

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	118-125

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of October 02, 2006

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	93.29	458,000
16-24 lbs.	92.38	8,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 481,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 23-Sep-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG		OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE		BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	769	-1	24.18	(A)	770	24.18
South Atlantic	788	-3	31.24	(A)	788	31.24
North Central	2,270	0	31.66	(A)	2,270	31.66
South Central	467	-17	17.91	(A)	467	17.91
West	289	1	26.48	(A)	289	26.48
U.S. total	4,583(B)	-3	28.61	1	4,584	28.61
To-date						
2006	170,463(B)			178	170,641	
To-date						
2005	165,479(B)			160	165,639	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date 908,000; for last year to date 915,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	471,730*
September 1 - 23, 2006	313,745*

To date 2006	3,817,723*
To date 2005	3,773,131*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
<u>Thousands</u>					
W/E 23-Sep-2006					
Head	1,981	2,585	17	1	4,584
Avg Wt	18.02	36.73	25.99	61.42	28.61
Last week	2,026	2,644	35	0	4,705
Same wk yr ago	2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
Avg Wt	16.25	35.46	25.80	27.50	27.17
To-date/2006	72,927	96,628	908	178	170,641
To-date/2005	66,771	97,793	915	160	165,639

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2006.

The market tone was weak on tom full-cut wings, barely steady on tom necks, mostly steady on tom drums. Thigh meat was fully steady while breast meat items were steady to barely steady. Parts demand was light to moderate and supplies were generally adequate. Breast meat items were adequate to fully adequate for the light buyer interest, fresh and frozen thigh meat barely adequate for current interest. Fresh wing meat with skin traded at 102. Export trading was moderate, mostly thigh meat at higher trending prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	126.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	145.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	118.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-41.00		40.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	46.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	57.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	51.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	59.00	29
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	102.00	40
NECKS, TOM	38.00		38.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	285.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	373.00		373.00	40
THIGH MEAT	95.00		95.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00		95.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	135.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	287.00		287.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	347.00-350.00		348.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-23.00		22.25	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00		41.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00-102.50		98.25	400

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone was weak on fresh breast meat, barely steady on other white meat items. Trading on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenders light and was at lower trending prices. Offerings were fully adequate. The tone on fresh and frozen thigh meat was fully steady for the limited availability. Light activity centered on fresh thigh meat at higher price levels. Plant grade nonbasted 8-10 pound bone-in breasts traded at 125 and fresh breast trim at 137. Export trading was moderate. Frozen tom necks were 39 cents, fresh tom drums 39-40, fresh mechanically separated turkey 20 and fresh thigh meat 97-98 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	145.00	18	145.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	118.00	7		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-41.00		39.75	32	40.42	219
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	46.00	10		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	6	38.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	57.00	8	55.00	56
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	51.00	10	51.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	59.00	29	60.55	239
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	102.00	40	102.00	40
NECKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.33	60	38.80	200
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	285.00	40	285.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	363.00		363.00	120	370.59	440
THIGH MEAT		R	95.00	40	95.00	50
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	98.00-99.00		98.20	50	96.78	90
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	287.00	40	287.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	327.00		327.00	40	332.13	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	52	22.14	362
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00		41.00	52	41.00	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	40	19.50	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	100.00		100.00	40	97.39	720

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